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Dear Mr. H. G. G. G.

After a visit to the
Min. of Ed. + strong representation
from M/C Union, I am persuaded
that it is right to call an
Extraordinary meeting of the Council
at Ambleside on July 9th when
the sub-committee is due to meet
then then in any case.

The Min. has now made it
public their proposals for
expanding Training Colleges to
meet the very serious shortage
of teachers which is expected during
the next ten years or more. The
matter is very urgent as I have
been told that the College might
be prejudiced in any future

negotiations if we did not explore
the situation now & if possible
later action.

From the point given your college
the matter is also urgent as it is
becoming increasingly difficult
to find ~~so~~ well qualified - & even
reasonably qualified - students
ready & willing to pay the fees; the
staffing position is also acute
especially as far as the school is
concerned - It is urgent that all
these problems should be reviewed at
least once & on the spot.

Miss H. will produce a
memo which will ~~state clearly~~
~~the points to be reached~~ the way
decisions should be reached.
indicate points on which decisions
should be reached.

Agenda

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^{future}

1. The place of the College in the national scheme
2. The future of the P.S.
3. Staffing situation.
4. Budget

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Crag Close,
Grasmere,
Westmorland.

TEL. GRASMERE 216.

July 6th
1958

Dear Miss Hardcastle

Thank you for the Memorandum. I am
dreadfully sorry that I can't come
to the Meeting at Ambleside next week.
I promised the Bp. of S. I expected that I
would have a series of conferences
for him from July 8 - July 10th. &
shall not be back until July 11th.
I wrote a letter of apology to Mr
Walker.

I am sure that an immediate
affirmation should be made to the
Committee - to find out whether a
grant would be available & if so,
under what conditions. Quite possibly
the conditions might be such that
the Council would not be able to do

willing to accept - and grant us
was offered. But I should be
disposed to think that this is the
first time of approval.

Whether you should also a
momentarily approach the Local
Authority, is a difficult question.
Possibly the best thing would be to
wait & see what the Director has
to say.

Despite the difficulty of staffing,
I think it would not be wise at
this moment to consider making
Fairfield simply a Junior School.
I think the seven school serves a
very useful purpose. And I should
not feel too certain that
if the school were "de-capitalised"

CRAIG CLOSE,
GRASMERE,
WESTMORLAND.
TEL. GRASMERE 216.

It would survive as a Tunn School

If an approval is to be made
to the Ministry, you will have to
decide whether this is to be
made, in detail, by a written
memorandum, or by a ~~relatively~~
brief letter - followed by a
personal interview.

If there is to be a personal interview,
I should like that you would be
included in the delegation. Quite
possibly, I don't think this should
be left to Mrs Waller on her own
& I should doubt whether any other
member of the Council knows enough

of the whole function, be able
 (persuade) ^{to} state a case.

I am sorry to miss the
 meeting. Though I fear I should
 not really be able to do much
 help in solving the great-
 difficulties you are to face. It
 is quite - you are very sympathetically

— me
 R. B. B. B.

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FROM
THE HON. MRS. FRANKLIN, C.B.E.
88, CARLTON HILL, N.W.8.
MAIDA VALE 9298.

July 4th 1958

Dear Mary,

Your letter does indeed convey a depressing outlook and one that must be very worrying to you, as to all of us. I am very grateful that you have put all these facts so succintly, but I still feel that it would have been a great help to receive them and then to have had a fairly representative and understanding Council Meeting in London. There is nothing in your letter as far as I can see which will be helped by our being at Ambleside.

Each item in your carefully written document should be discussed bit by bit, and as far as I can judge the ideas put forward for their solution by Cedric Glover, e.g. would really make the position more complicated and more difficult. I believe myself that the safest procedure would be No.2 on the last page of your document.

As regards entries of students in 1959, I don't think you need have any hesitation in taking them, even if they were obliged to leave before completing their three years training. There would always be, as far as one can see, openings for them in many directions.

You will be sorry to hear that I have my own big problems. A bombshell reached me this morning in the shape of the resignation of Mrs. Kealey. The first letter I opened was one from Mrs. Ewen saying how happy she was to leave the office in the excellent hands of Mrs. Kealey who has proved herself most valuable. The second letter I opened was one from Mrs. Kealey telling me that she was obliged to join her husband in Nairobi at the end of September. Everything seemed to be going so well in spite of the fact that we must find fresh offices and that I am naturally very sad at this occurrence, even though I have already heard of a possible successor.

I am very sorry to hear that your Bursar is leaving,

Yours afftely
H. Franklin

Tel.
Ambleside
2168

The Charlotte Mason College,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

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Copy of letter receivedd on Saturday, July 5th 1958

Crag Close
Grasmere July 4th 1958

Dear Miss Hardcastle,

Thank you for the memorandum. I am dreadfully sorry that I cant come to the meeting at Ambleside next week. I promised the Bishop of Stafford that I would take a series of confirmations for him from July 7th - 10th and shall not be back until July 11th. I wrote a letter of apology to Mrs Walton.

I am sure that an immediate approach should be made to the Ministry to find out whether a grant would be available and, if so, under what conditions. Quite possibly the conditions might be such that the Council would not be able or willing to accept such grant as was offered. But I should be disposed to think that this is the first line of approach.

Whether you should also and concurrently approach the Local Authority is a difficult question. Perhaps the best thing would be to wait and see what the Ministry has to say.

Despite the difficulty of staffing, I think it would not be wise at this moment to consider making Fairfield simply a Junior School. I think the Senior School serves a very useful purpose. And I should not feel too certain that if the school were "de-capitated" it would survive as a Junior School.

If an approach is to be made to the Ministry you will have to decide whether this is to be made, in detail, by a written memorandum, or by a relatively brief letter, followed by a personal interview.

If there is to be a personal interview, I should hope that you would be included in the deputation.

I am sorry to miss the meeting, though I fear I should not really be able to do much to help in solving the great difficulties you have to face. At anyrate you have my sympathy.

Yours sincere

R. Brook.

8.7.58

Otter Cottage
Hemfield.Souress

My Dear Mary,

The first batch has
arrived safely - I will push
on to Mr Rodfrey as quickly
as I can -

I had a bad accident
in the garden last week & felt
it would be quite impossible to
do the long journey to Amble-
side - I am really all right
now, but still doubt whether

I could have managed it -
 I did muddle the dates
 & thought the meeting was
 today! Anyway, what could I
 do? I flew to the last urgent
 meeting & merely covered an
 extra chair!!

1) I think it a good moment
 to ask for Grant.

2) I doubt we'll get it unless
 prepared to "put up" a good



VINCENT KNOWLES, M.A.
Registrar.

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FROM
THE REGISTRAR,
THE UNIVERSITY,
MANCHESTER, 13
Telephone : ARDwick 3333.

July 11th, 1958.

Dear Miss Hardcastle,

I would just like to say how much I appreciated your kind hospitality while visiting Ambleside. The hotel looked after me very well and I was able to escort Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Lambert as far as Preston. We had an American couple in the compartment with whom to wile away the time.

Although it must have been disappointing for you not to have more members of the Foundation present, I myself thought that it was a fully representative meeting and that the decisions were considered ones. I was glad to know that Miss Cholmondeley and Miss Lambert and Lady Elizabeth also felt that they had not been rushed into any decision. I asked Mrs. Walton to let me have a copy of the letter to the Director of Education for information, and if there is anything else I can do before I leave for the Congress in Canada, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours very sincerely,

Vincent Knowles

Miss Mary Hardcastle,
Principal,
Charlotte Mason College,
AMBLESIDE,
Westmorland.

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MH/ST

12th July, 1958

Dear Mrs. Franklin,

Thank you so much for your letter. Please forgive me for not replying to it immediately but, as you may imagine, we have been exceedingly busy with the end of term last Wednesday and the Council meeting on the same day.

Mrs. Walton will be writing to you about the meeting so I will not refer to the decisions made. It was a very useful and representative meeting, although small.

I am indeed sorry for your difficulties with the P.M.E.U. It seems to me quite extraordinary that Mrs. Kealey should not have known when she accepted the post at the office, that there was a possibility of her having to return to Kenya.

I hope you yourself are going to have a little holiday now. I expect you will be going to Ireland before very long?

We have had a good term inspite of the very rainy weather. The Third Years students were very sad to leave and we were very sad to say goodbye to them. We are now busy preparing the houses for the summer let.

I shall be here until July 25th when I am going to Miss Nugent Thorpe's school to speak to her Parent's Gathering. I shall be back here again in August for a week before I go away for a further holiday.

Yours affectionately,

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Glover

MH/ST

12th July, 1958

Cedric Glover, Esq.,
35 Prince Albert Road,
Regents Park,
London, N.W.8.

Dear Mr. Glover,

Thank you very much for your long and interesting letter. Both Mrs. Walton and I were most grateful to you for having taken so much trouble and thought over the matter.

Mrs. Walton is writing to you about the meeting so I will say nothing here, except that it went in rather a different way from the line you have taken. I think if you saw some of the students who come from working class homes, you would realise what good material they produce. We should certainly like to have more students of graduate ability but I cannot really see a University taking us up, *in the way you suggested until they get a Principal with a degree.*

Yours very sincerely,

Principal.

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GALLEONS,
HIGHER LANE,
MUMBLES, SWANSEA.

SWANSEA 68443.

17th July 1958.

Dear Min Handcastle

Thank you very much for ^{all} your ~~all~~ letters & ^{phone} ~~phone~~ conversations.

I was ^{glad} ~~sorry~~ that you were ~~unable~~ to be present at the Emergency Meeting, ^{and} but I was glad to have your suggestions, and interested in your comments. ^{Your} memo. was n.v. art a master piece.

Fortunately, although it was a small meeting, we had a quorum and as soon as possible the minutes will be circulated, ^{having} ~~been~~ carefully edited by M.H. & M.G.W.

The unanimous decision was that there should be an approach to the L.E.A. Westmorland. This will not commit us, but will serve as a valuable exploratory move. It was strongly felt that this first step was necessary, firstly on account of the urgency of the situation, and secondly because without it, we cannot know what is entailed.

This decision to approach the L.E.A.

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HIGHER LANE
GALLIONS

was also strengthened by letters I received from members unable to be present.

I am most grateful for your help and co-operation. ~~That~~ includes bed, lovely meals, sherry & other minor delights.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. W.

Chairman.

Charlotte Mason Foundation.

S. I thought you might just like to see this. It's fine to those who couldn't come but who bothered to write. I've not bothered with any one who couldn't be bothered with me! Sorry I didn't get it off before but have been terribly busy since our return on v. late Sunday night. I greatly enjoyed the "Peculiar" & now C. is reading it avidly & I can't get any more out

of him once this was is finally embedded in it! in
relieve it anon. taking care of yourself. Much love to

Copy of my letter to Mr. Clarke. 28.7.58.

Dear Mr. Clarke.

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I hear from Miss Handcastle that you, your chairman, & Vice-Chairman could meet some of us on Tues. Aug: 12th at down Nook Ambleside at 2.15 p.m. if that time suits you.

It is most kind of you to do this & I am grateful to you for your help, as I feel that this informal discussion is a most important preliminary.

I have written to Sir Clement Jones our Vice chairman & asked him to come, & also to Bishop Brook who lives in Garsdale. I do not think it would be possible to get word of other knowledgeable members of our Council during August & at such rather short notice; but he knows his Manchester representative can come, Miss Handcastle of course will be there, & I am very much hoping to be able to disentangle myself from family & holiday commitments & get away for the two nights.

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I think that if we could not have
meeting early in the afternoon, we could
have some discussion first, then go
round the grounds. I fear that only
external viewing is possible at that
time as the college is always let
during the summer holidays.
Nevertheless, it will serve to give
the some idea of what there is.

We should be delighted if
you wish to have tea with us
after seeing the grounds, &
during or after tea, we could have
further discussion if necessary.

I am grateful to you for this
chance of a further understanding
of the situation for both sides. I
look forward to the meeting on
Aug. 12th

Yours sincerely

Pauline Wallis

12.8.58.

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Dear Mr Clarke.

At a meeting of the
Charlotte Mason ~~Foundation~~
held recently, it was
resolved that I should ask
you if your committee
would consider placing the
Charlotte Mason College on
the Ministry's list of
maintained colleges through
the Local Education ~~Committee~~ ^{Authority}.

I should be grateful to hear
from you ^{at} ~~in due course~~
concerning this matter
in due course.

Yours sincerely,